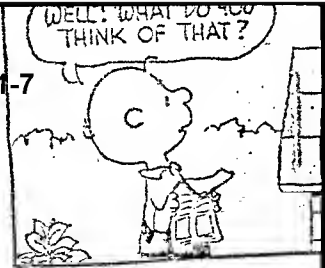


THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

October 20, 1972



MEMORANDUM FOR:

WILLIAM E. COLBY  
CIA

FROM:

RICHARD C. TUFARO *RT*

SUBJECT:

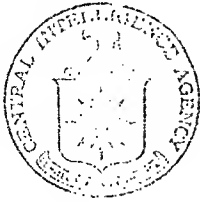
CLASSIFICATION ABUSE

The attached memorandum is an example of the kind of classification abuse Executive Order 11652 seeks to avoid.

On what ground is classification required? Your name is published in the Federal Register. The quarterly report furnished by the General Counsel of CIA gives the figure 797 in unclassified form.

It is also deeply disturbing to see Section 5 (B) (2) used when E.O. 11652 admonishes that "use of the exemption authority shall be kept to the absolute minimum."

Please advise whether attached has been declassified and action taken.



CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

13 October 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Richard C. Tufaro  
Staff Assistant to the Interagency  
Classification Review Committee

SUBJECT: Top Secret Classifying Authorities

Mr. William E. Colby, Chairman, CIA Information Review Committee, has asked that I respond to your letter of 6 October 1972. As you know, at the first meeting of the Interagency Classification Review Committee, it was agreed by Ambassador Eisenhower and Mr. Houston that because of the security problems inherent in the release of lists of names of CIA employees the Agency would retain its lists within our installation, for inspection as required. Further, there might be some security implications in direct communication by Ambassador Eisenhower with some of our Top Secret classifiers who are under various covers. Accordingly, it would not be appropriate for Ambassador Eisenhower to mail his letter directly to our employees. But we would be glad to transmit his letter to each of our Top Secret classifiers by either of the following methods you may prefer, or by some other means:

a. You provide us with the basic text in a master form signed by Ambassador Eisenhower and we will distribute to our Top Secret classifiers; or,

b. You provide us with 797 letters signed by Ambassador Eisenhower and we will distribute those to our Top Secret classifiers.

Special Assistant for Information Control

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